को नौ सेनाओं के साथ संयुक्त अभ्यास आयोजित किए हैं। इस प्रकार के अभ्यास हमारी रक्षा सेना के कार्मिकों में आत्मविश्वास बढ़ाने तथा अत्याधुनिकी प्रौद्योगिकियों की जानकारी हासिल करने की दृष्टि से उपयोगी हैं।

(घ) निकट भविष्य में संयुक्त अभ्यासों का कोई कार्यक्रम नहीं है।

**Sick Textile Mills in Andhra Pradesh**

*78. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of textile mills that are sick and closed in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) what are the reasons for the closure ; and

(c) what rehabilitation steps have been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) to (c) As per information supplied by BIFR, number of sick mills in Andhra Pradesh is eight. Number of closed mills in Andhra Pradesh is nine as on 31-5-1992. Out of nine mills, 5 mills are closed due to financial problem, and the others due to reasons like fire accident, labour problems, want of qualified persons etc.

Government have created a Nodal Agency/BIFR to evolve and manage Rehabilitation Package in respect of sick/closed textile mills. Textile Modernisation Fund has been established to meet the modernisation needs of the mill. Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund has been set up to provide interim relief to the workers rendered jobless due to permanent closure of a mill.

**Slashing Down of Budgetary Support to NTC Mills**

*79. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have slashed down the budgetary support to NTC mills and its subsidiaries ;

(b) if so, in what manner are they managing their finance and operation* ;

(c) whether redeployment of labour policy is worked out in any National Textile Corporations Mills; if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(d) whether any time frame has been worked out for loss making units to break even or for closing down ; if so what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Budgetary support to NTC towards reimbursement of its cash losses has been reduced to Rs. 54.80 crores during 1992-93 from the level of Rs. 73.00 crores during 1991-92.

(b) NTC mills are working with lower working capital which has led to a reduction in their capacity utilisation.

(c) and (d) An action plan submitted by NTC involves its restructurmg, modernisation and rationalisation of its labour and envisages its turn around within three years.

**Meeting of the N.O.C.**

*80. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABH1-NANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether a meeting of the National Development Council was held in May, 1992;

(b) if sc, what was its agenda : and

(c) the decisions arrived at on those items ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The draft Eighth Five Year Plan (1992—97) document.